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OUR LONDON LETTER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, April.

THE KING AND QUEEN.

The Court moves to Windsor this week, which is rather earlier than usual, and it is significant that both the King and Queen intend to remain at Windsor (Castle) till the end of the month or the beginning of May. The explanation is that their Majesties are feeling the effects of their recent illnesses. The Queen in particular although she has been going about as usual is very far from well.

The existing arrangements are that if a Privy Council should be necessary the King would motor up to London for the purpose. This is a rule King George made himself in the interests of hard-working politicians. It is only another proof of his consideration for other people which is characteristic of his Majesty. I need scarcely say that it is highly appreciated by his Ministers.

THE DUCHESS OF YORK.

I hear that those who have seen the picture of the Duchess of York and her two sisters which has been painted by Miss Flora Lyon and will be hung in this year's Royal Academy, are agreed that it will probably rank as the picture of the year. The Duchess and her sisters, Lady Rose Leveson-Gower and Lady Elphinstone, are beautiful women, and indeed they have been known as "The Three Graces." Until now they have never been painted together, and the Duchess of York was particularly anxious to have the portrait done.

GILBERT AND SULLIVAN DEVOTEES.

Having regard to the enduring popularity of Gilbert and Sullivan it is not altogether surprising that it has been decided to form a Society which will maintain the traditions associated with the famous operas. The Gilbert and Sullivan Society was launched this week at a public meeting held at Essex Hall, Strand. London will be the acknowledged headquarters of the cult; and there are to be branches in different parts of the country. Lectures and discussions on the operas are to be arranged, and there are also to be suppers and other social gatherings, so that it seems we are likely to have an enrolment of worshippers of Gilbert and Sullivan, inspired with an enthusiasm resembling that associated with the Burns Club of Scotland. This at least is what is being said; but it will be as well to wait and see.

COLOUR AND THE SCREEN.

It is rather curious that so far attempts to reproduce natural colours on the screen have proved unsuccessful. It will be recollected that a great attempt was made to conquer difficulties in connection with the Delhi Durbar pictures; but people could not stand the effect. They wanted to see an oculist after a performance. I hear that a new process has been found which does not claim to represent Nature, but it gives good results in two colours. There was a demonstration of this, known as the Friese-Green process, in London a few days ago, and the result was certainly very pleasing.

OF INTEREST TO SAILORMEN.

A decision has been given by the Liverpool Stipendiary Magistrate which will interest mariners from London to Shanghai. A quartermaster employed by the Anchor Line was coming ashore when he was stopped by a vigilant policeman and three tins—salmon, milk and jam—were found upon him. Thereupon he was charged with stealing them. His defence was that they formed part of his rations during the voyage, and as he did not want them he was entitled to take them home on landing. The Magistrate dismissed the case, and it may be presumed that the quartermaster and his family enjoyed the unconsumed rations with an extra relish because of what happened in Court.

Time and again plain sailormen have been charged with stealing ships' stores under similar circumstances, and as a rule they have been fined or imprisoned. The decision at Liverpool is a welcome change. In common fairness if a seaman saves part of his rations allowed him on board ship, the said rations being lawfully issued to him, it is no concern of the steamship company employing him what he does with the food. Of course, the point has been raised before to-day, but the Liverpool Stipendiary laid it down that unless the articles of engagement stipulate that unconsumed rations shall not be removed from the ship the sailor who saves them shall not be treated like a thief.

PACIFISTS AND FOREIGN POLICY.

The debate in the House of Commons on the Lausanne Treaty shows that it is partly owing to Lord Curzon and his colleagues in the late Government that this settlement of the British relations with Turkey has left Britain's prestige in the Near East unimpaired if not enhanced; but in no small measure this result is also due to the admirable behaviour of the British troops to whom garrison duty in Constantinople and the Straits was entrusted.

One important point emerges, and is not lost sight of here. This is the contrast between British power in Asia Minor at the end of the war when Lord Allenby's final brilliant campaign had completely overthrown the Turkish Empire, and Britain's position in that region as defined by the Treaty of Lausanne. It is seen how fatuous is the demand for the reduction of armaments in order that Britain's enfeeblement may supply proof of her pacific intentions, while at the same time the necessity exists for this country to show effective authority in dealing with a combative Power like Turkey.

Humbug taints all discourses about diminishing hostility by disarmament. Turkey supplies a case in point. The Turks extorted all they could without risking too rashly the revival of another war with Britain. Where should we be in a dispute of this character if we were unable to enforce our just rights should occasion demand? After talk had proved useless, in spite of what the pacifists may say, it is plainly evident that no Government could afford to put its trust in the

League of Nations idea—not even a Labour Government when they have to consider their stewardship as Ministers would dare destroy Britain's naval defences on the plea that it is enough to trust to the efficacy of the League.

BUSINESS OPINION AND CHINA.

A report has just reached the Federation of British Industries in London from the Peking correspondent of the Federation calling attention to what he describes as the growing anti-foreign feeling which is now general throughout China. There is a tendency he says to attribute China's troubles to the presence of the foreigner and to foreign intervention in Chinese affairs. One thing which he states is irksome is foreign control of the Customs, but the Central Government, which would like to increase the tariff, cannot do so without the permission of the signatory Powers. There is a disposition to treat treaties made in former years as "scraps of paper."

According to the correspondent among enlightened Chinese there is a pronounced opinion in favour of a federal system of Government, with each province regulating its own fiscal affairs. "Such ideas are germinating," he says, "and results may be seen before long." Of course, I realise that the foregoing pronouncement is somewhat like sending coal to Newcastle; your readers are well informed about the state of China at the present day. But there is a certain value and interest in presenting for consideration views which are put before the members of such a powerful body as the Federation of British Industries.

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HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts in their
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say:—Since our last report of the 9th May,
the local market has been quiet with
small business passing and practically
no variations in prices, the only redeem-
ing feature being the sustained demand
for Hongkong Trams at gradually im-
proving rates.Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks
are a shade easier and are offering at
\$1.170. They are quoted in London at
\$1.13.10.0. (middle).Marine and Fire Insurances.—Towns
have again come to business at \$241.
Hongkong Fire have been bought at the
improved price of \$310 and continue in
request. There are buyers of Cantons
at \$730, North Chinas at \$140 and
Yangtses at \$200. China Underwriters
can be placed at the paid up value of
\$1.Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton and
Macao Steamboats have been ruling
weak on dates have been made down to
\$201. "Star" Ferries receded to
\$81 sellers on the publication of the
figures for the year's working which are
given below. A dividend of \$2 and
bonus of \$3 per share have been declar-
ed. Union Waterboats are steady at
\$163. Douglas Steamships have lapsed
to a nominal quotation of \$38.Refineries.—China Sugars have experi-
enced another setback, the market fall-
ing to \$215. Malabons at \$43 continue
neglected.Oils and Mining.—"Shell" Transports
are enquired for at 90/-, after sales at
92/-. Kailans have been done at 60/-
and more are wanted at this rate.
Benquet at Pa. 3 marked a further rise.
Langkats have dropped to \$15. 25/-.
Tronchs have buyers at 41/9 ex the
dividend of 2/- just paid.Electric Companies.—A strong enquiry
for Hongkong Trams has lifted the price
to \$38, and probably a little more would
be paid. China Lights (Old) are wanted
at \$14.80, while the New shares have
again changed hands at \$8. Hongkong
Electric could be placed at \$34.Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hong-
kong and Kowloon Wharves have eased
somewhat during the week and after
sales \$164/5 they close with buyers at
the former rate. Hongkong and Wham-
poa Docks have fluctuated between
\$148/149. Hongkong Wharves are asked
for at \$15. 190 and New Engineerings
at \$15. 3.60. Shanghai Docks have fur-
ther declined to \$11.Ladies, Hotels and Buildings.—A spas-
modic enquiry for Hongkong Lands
early in the week raised the price to
\$109, but the demand was not main-
tained and at the time of writing the market
has eased at \$108. Sales have been re-
ported in Humphrys Estates at \$21.
Prince's Buildings at \$150 and Hong-
kong and Shanghai Hotels at \$175 and
\$115 for the Old and New shares respec-
tively are saleable at quotations. Hong-
kong Realty at \$23 are unchanged
from last week.Cotton Mills.—Ewo have advanced to
\$13 buyers. Orientals at \$14 and
Shanghai Cottons at \$15. 60 have not
moved.Miscellaneous.—Dairy Farms have
fetched \$25. Green Island Cements
(New) have been negotiated at \$3.85;
while the Old shares have remained
quiet at \$2. China Providents (New)
have been booked at \$4. The Old
shares at \$14 are without demand.
Hongkong Ropes were dealt in at \$3
cum all in the beginning of the week,
but have since receded to \$1. Lane
Crawfords were put through at \$10,
and a few more are to be had at this
figure. Watson's after having fallen
away to \$24 recovered to \$24, but have
since lapsed to a nominal quotation.
Hongkong Taxicabs are on offer at \$4
and Constructors at \$7. There are
enquiries for Canton Ice at \$8,
Sinceres at \$13, Hongkong Develop-
ments at \$11 and China Buses at \$15.
Peak Trams are firm at \$17. The
Company has just declared a dividend
of \$1.50 per share, an increase of 50
cents over last year's dividend.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

May 16th, 1924.	
Hongkong and Shanghai	
Banks	\$1.170 a.
Canton Insurances	\$27.20 b.
Union Insurances	\$241 b.
Hongkong Fire Insurances	\$345 b.
H. K. C. & M. Steamboats	\$7 b.
"Star" Ferries	\$81 a.
China Sugars	\$215 a.
Langkats (Combined)	\$164/5 b.
Kowloon Wharves	\$104 b.
Whampoa Docks	\$148/149 b.
New Engineerings	\$15. 190 b.
Hongkong Lands	\$109 b.
Hongkong Hotels	\$175 (old) \$115 (new) b.
Humphrys Estates	\$21 b.
Ewo Cotton Mills	\$13 b.
Cements	\$25 (old) \$25.65 (new) b.
Hongkong Ropes	\$3 cum a.
China Providents	\$4 (old) \$4 (new) a.
Dairy Farms	\$25 b.
Walsons	\$24 b.
Hongkong Taxicabs	\$4 b.
China Lights	\$15 (old) \$15 (new) b.
Hongkong Trams	\$38 b.
Peak Trams	\$17 (old) \$17 (new) b.
"Shell" Transports	\$38 b.
b.—buyers; s.—sellers; a.—sales.	

CINEMA NOTES.

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THE OPENING CEREMONY.

With a silver key presented to him by Mr. J. T. W. Brooke (on behalf of the architects, Messrs. Davies & Brooke), Admiral Leveson opened the main door of the Club promptly at 5.15, and was first to sign the guests' book in the entrance hall. Visitors, of whom there were many and chiefly representatives of the Navy League and the Race Club, and the members of the Club, gathered in the entrance hall, where, speeches appropriate to the occasion were made.

Mr. SIXTY BARTON, C.M.G., H.M. Consul-General, began by saying that the portrait of the late Mr. W. S. Jackson had been given a prominent place in the hall, because it was with Mr. Jackson that the idea of a Union Jack Club for Shanghai originated. That was in 1918, when he was Chairman of the Stewards of the Race Club, and it was in that year that the first Club was opened in Tibet Road. Some 50 years ago, continued Mr. Barton, the Shanghai branch of the Navy League acquired, by subscription amongst its members in Shanghai, a piece of land in the western district with the idea of providing the men of H.M. Navy with a recreation ground. It was found, however, that the ground was too far away to be of use and so in 1920 it was decided to sell the property, which fortunately had appreciated very much in value since it was bought, and the proceeds of that sale were devoted to the provision of a site for a permanent home for the Club. The sum realized, about £15,000, was not sufficient to provide for the erection and equipment of a building such as they had now, and provision of the greater part of the necessary funds was due to the continued generosity of the Race Club, who decided to continue their support. (Applause.) The Race Club provided some £15,000, on a mortgage on the building, and it was also providing a certain amount for upkeep, while the Navy League had established a guarantee fund which would prevent any possibility of a sudden demise of the Club, should any unforeseen emergency arise. Control of the Club would be in the hands of a Committee, assisted by representatives of the Navy League and of the Race Club, and they had secured the services of an experienced Naval pensioner to act as resident manager.

Shanghai had owed much to His Majesty's Navy, Mr. Barton went on to say, from the opening of the port up to now, and it was hoped that that building would serve both as a reminder of that debt and an incentive to its continued recognition. (Applause.)

On behalf of the Shanghai Branch of the Navy League and of the Shanghai Race Club, the Consul-General then asked Admiral Leveson to declare the Club open, and accept on behalf of His Majesty's Navy the accommodation and entertainment which the Club aimed to provide. (Applause.)

THE NAVY FOND OF SHANGHAI.

Admiral Leveson, responding, expressed his own keen pleasure and the thanks of all ranks, and ratings for the excellence of the gift of the Union Jack Club and the extraordinarily kind manner in which it had been put forward. To the members of the Navy League and of the Shanghai Race Club he expressed the thanks of the whole British Navy; those present and those who were to come. The generosity of the Shanghai Race Club to the Navy was beyond words, said the Admiral. On every possible occasion the Club had done everything to welcome the sea service, and not only in Shanghai, for their interest and hospitality had extended as far up the Yangtze as Chungking, where they had started a Union Jack Club. (Applause.) "We know very well indeed," continued Admiral Leveson, "that the Race Club are a grand lot of sportsmen, and among them are two super-sportsmen, Mr. Jock and Mr. Dallas. Having in a most sportsmanlike manner won the Champions' (Continued at foot of next column).

THE READJUSTMENT OF
CHINA'S FINANCES.

AN INTERVIEW WITH DR. YEN.

Seeing that the preliminary report of the Commission for the Readjustment of Finance recently submitted by Dr. W. W. Yen to the President has attracted widespread attention, and received extensive comments from the Press, Reuters' representative called on Dr. Yen with the object of securing some direct expressions of opinion from the head of this important Commission.

Dr. Yen was first asked why, in making out the estimated income of the Central Government, no account was taken of such items as the land tax, which was estimated to yield about \$30,000,000 per annum.

To this Dr. Yen replied that according to Article 23 of the new Constitution the land tax is expressly reserved to the provinces. Since the line of demarcation between the sources of revenue for the Central Government and the Provinces is now clearly made, the estimated future income of the Central Government cannot very well include the land tax.

Touching then upon the question of why the recent report should confine itself to the investigation of the receipts and expenditures of the Central Government only, leaving the problem of provincial finance entirely out of consideration, Dr. Yen explained that the said report was only a preliminary one, not at all intended to be complete or final, and that, in one of his earlier interviews, he had remarked that one of the encouraging features of the work of the Commission was that some of the so-called independent provinces were already responding to the inquiries of the Commission in its efforts to collect statistical information concerning provincial government receipts and expenditures. Fifteen Provinces and Administrative Areas have already supplied this Commission with the desired information which will be made public in a later report.

REMITTING MONEY TO PEKING.

On the question of provincial remittance, Dr. Yen remarked that what is due under the new Constitution to the Central Government must, of course, be remitted to support it. It was astonishing that some people should feel that under present circumstances there appears to be no reason why the provinces should remit money to Peking. While a strong Central Government may not be the panacea for all the evils now existing in China, yet it is certainly one of the most important stabilizing influences and a fundamental pre-requisite to a united prosperous China, which it is to the interest of the foreigners as well as of the Chinese themselves to see established as soon as possible.

Turning to the question of the Customs Tariff Conference, Dr. Yen said that if China's creditors and friends expected China to fulfil the obligations which the Central Government is called upon to undertake, they must see to it that no unnecessary embarrassment be imposed upon the Government and no obstructions be placed in the path of her legitimate aspirations. The holding of a special Customs Conference and the granting of the two and a half per cent. surtax in accordance with the Washington Tariff Treaty, is simply the fulfilment of a promise which, in fairness and justice, to say nothing of friendship, should have been carried out long ago. The proceeds so realized would largely be pledged to the service of China's inadequately secured loan obligations. To say that such a grant would be tantamount to a political loan to the present Government is entirely erroneous.

Dr. Yen concluded the interview with the statement that the question of the abolition of the salt and opium duties are also engaging the attention of the Commission and that the work would be pushed forward as rapidly as circumstances permit.

Columbia, they are going to present the Club with a bust of His Majesty the King, a replica of the one in the Shanghai Club. I congratulate them on their success in the Champions, and on behalf of the Club thank them for this gift.

Before the war, the Navy was gathered in Home waters ready for crests, and now we are pushing out again into the world, and one thing which has struck me very forcibly in coming East again is the kindness and hospitality shown to the Navy by British communities wherever the Navy goes. (Applause.) This has especially been shown in Shanghai. The Navy loves coming here. (Laughter.) Everybody looks forward to coming to Shanghai. The war brought civilians and the fighting services very much side by side. We could not have carried on the war without the civilians, and we cannot carry on the peace without them. They helped us during the war and their help now is clearly shown in this magnificent Club where the sailor ashore will find rest and be assured that everything will be done to make him welcome. I have now pleasure in declaring this Club open for the enjoyment of the sea service. (Applause.)

Mr. A. W. BURNELL, speaking as Chairman on behalf of the Stewards and members of the Race Club, thanked Admiral Leveson for his expression of appreciation, and took the opportunity of thanking the non-British members of the Race Club for the loyal support they had always given to the Union Jack Club. (Applause.)

Mr. JOHN PRENTICE also spoke briefly on behalf of the Navy League, impressing upon Admiral Leveson that he must bring his ships oftener to Shanghai so that the Club would be well used.

The company then inspected the Club and afterwards enjoyed its hospitality. (Continued at foot of next column).

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CHINA AND FOREIGN

AVIATORS' VISITS.

ELABORATE REGULATIONS.

"NOT TO FLY LOW."

The following "regulations" have been published in Peking:

Scheme governing special permission for British aeroplanes to fly over Chinese territory on particular occasions.

1.—The British aeroplanes shall fly over Chinese territory on this occasion only after formal notice in advance by the British Minister and the granting by the Chinese Government of special permission.

2.—The British Minister shall furnish information on the following points:

(a) Object of the flight.

(b) Places of entering and leaving Chinese territory.

(c) Route to be followed and dates of return to Chinese territory.

(d) Number and names of aviators or other persons employed in connection with the flight.

(e) Number and descriptions of aeroplanes, marks, descriptions of engines and horse-powers.

3.—The British Minister shall furnish a statement of the route to be followed by the British aeroplanes in flying over Chinese territory and this shall, upon receiving the sanction of the Chinese Government, be definitely fixed upon and must be adhered to by the aeroplanes, which shall not leave the fixed route or be free to land or restart at any place or places outside it. The width of the route zone shall be 20 kilometres.

4.—The British aeroplanes shall for military reasons not have the right when flying within the prescribed route, to fly over places within a five-kilometre radius of the Ma Wei shipyard at Foochow (Pagoda Anchorage) or the Woosung forts or the Arsenal at Shanghai.

5.—For the occasion of the present visit of the British aeroplanes to China, the Chinese Government shall assign places at Foochow and Shanghai where the establishment of temporary aerodromes shall be permitted, but this permission shall extend to the present occasion only.

6.—The aeroplanes shall carry no articles of contraband, photographic apparatus, wireless apparatus, postal matter, or merchandise.

7.—The aeroplanes shall not fly at a low altitude over thickly populated places lying on the route so as to endanger the lives or property of the public, nor shall any objects be dropped from the air.

8.—The British aeroplanes shall on their present flight over Chinese territory carry all necessary flying certificates, etc., as well as logbooks, which documents shall be open to inspection. They shall conform to all regulations applying to aviation.

9.—This scheme is a temporary one applying only to the specially permitted flight of British aeroplanes over Chinese territory on the occasion of the present attempt to fly round the world, and has no connection with the international aviation convention which has not yet been signed by the Chinese Government.

(It is understood that the conditions set out above are to apply equally to the American fliers.)

COMPANY MEETING.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE HON. MR. MONTAGUE EDE'S RETIREMENT.

VALUABLE SERVICES HANDSOMELY RECOGNISED.

The annual meeting of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., was held yesterday morning at the offices of the Company, Union Buildings. The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak presided and there were also present: Mr. J. A. Plummer, Mr. D. O. Russell, Mr. J. P. Warren, Mr. C. G. S. Mackie and Mr. G. M. Young (Directors), Mr. Paul Lauder, representing the General Manager (Hon. Mr. C. Montague Ede), and the following shareholders:—The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, the Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe, the Hon. Mr. Chow Siu-ki, Messrs. J. Scott Harston, Ho Fook, W. R. Mansfield, A. A. Alves, D. V. Stevenson, H. E. L. Dowbiggin, W. E. L. Shenton, W. L. Leusk, J. M. Alves, L. Danbar, D. Bernard Brown, G. C. Franklin, Father Robert, Messrs. L. E. N. Ryan, A. C. Hay, J. A. Worswick, Capt. R. D. Thomas, Messrs. C. B. Rihicrip, H. Glanville, A. V. Apcar, G. Grimble, M. A. Figueiredo, A. H. M. da Silva, Lo Cheung-shin, J. A. Alabaster, B. M. C. da Cunha, M. A. R. Souza, V. L. Remedios, Sum Pak Ming, P. M. Hodgson, Leung Yan Po, E. A. G. May, W. F. Gardner, A. E. S. Alves, W. L. Patenden, and E. A. Lees.

The CHAIRMAN, in opening the meeting, said: Gentlemen,—I have very much regret in stating that Mr. Montague Ede, our General Manager, is unable to be present, owing to indifferent health. He has expressed keen disappointment in being unable to attend. In his absence I will ask Mr. Paul Lauder to read the notice convening the meeting.

After the notice was read, the CHAIRMAN said: Gentlemen,—The report and accounts were issued on the 1st May, which will have given you ample time to scrutinize our figures, and I propose therefore to follow the usual custom and take them as well as the auditor's report as read.

The Working Account for the year 1923, after allowing for a bonus to contributors and an interim dividend of 9½ per share, shows that the balance available for distribution is £373,998 16s. 8d. and your Directors recommend that this balance be dealt with in the following manner:—

A final dividend of 16s. per share on 111,000 shares £ 88,800 0s. 0d.
To carry forward to underwriting suspense account to close the account for the year 1923 291,198 16s. 8d.

The balance of the Working Account for the year 1923 stands at £40,945 1s. 8d. and out of this balance your Directors recommend the payment of an interim dividend of 2½s. a share, absorbing £113,250, and a bonus of 20 per cent. to contributors of business on bonus terms.

A MORE OPTIMISTIC VIEW WARRANTED.

As you have been told almost every recent annual meeting, the business of marine underwriting and insurance generally, in common with all other trades, has been passing through a difficult period and although that period of depression has not yet entirely passed I am pleased to state that there are not wanting indications that the worst is over and that the general trend of business warrants a more optimistic view than has been possible during recent years. The market of insurance has never been larger in the history of the world than at present, and the increased number of companies and individuals seeking to make profits from the business naturally means increased competition. Nevertheless, there appears to be slowly gathering what may be termed an understanding amongst underwriters that the rates now current in the world's markets require stiffening, and although a great deal still remains to be done, co-operation amongst the various companies is growing, and it is evident that underwriters are beginning to realise the necessity for abandoning the extreme competition which has proved so detrimental to sound business in the past. The "Liner" losses that have occurred during the past few years emphasize the necessity for charging rates which will allow the setting aside of premium to provide for these heavy casualties.

The dearth of trained assistants which inevitably followed the Great War is gradually being overcome and the knowledge and experience gained by the younger generation of insurance men makes for the smoother and more efficient conduct of the business.

REPORT GENERALLY ENCOURAGING.

Turning to the figures in the Report, I would explain that we have followed our usual practice and taken the investments at their market value as at the 31st December. Exchange has again been a somewhat important factor in the figures, and the fall in the American cross-rate has increased the gold dollars sterling equivalent in our balance sheet. You will notice that our Re-insurance Fund has been increased by over £200,000 and the Report generally is very encouraging.

Notwithstanding the satisfactory account presented, it has been thought wise, considering the trade conditions of the world, that no increase in our dividend shall be made, and your Directors deem it advisable to continue, for a further period, the conservative policy adopted last year.

LOSSES IN JAPAN.

The year 1923 was a troubled one not only in this Colony but in many parts of the world, and I would particularly refer to the terrible calamity which most unhappily overtook Japan. In this connection you will be pleased to learn that no member of the Society's staff received injury during the earthquake. Our office in Yokohama was totally destroyed, but the Tokyo branch escaped any damage. A temporary office has been erected in Yokohama on our old site and the branch was reopened for business on the 1st February last. No doubt when many of our shareholders heard of the disaster they had uneasy thoughts as to the possible effect it would have on the Society's business. We transact in Japan a large marine account than any other foreign company, but I am happy to state that the disaster has left us unshaken, and, for your information, our entire loss is estimated at approximately £100,000. Gentlemen, considering the nature and magnitude of the calamity, we have reason for thankfulness that we have escaped so lightly.

STUDY OF EASTERN LANGUAGES ENCOURAGED.

Last year your Chairman referred to the unsettled conditions in China which were seriously hampering trade, and I regret that conditions during the past year have shown no sign of improvement. The Society's home field is in this country where we continue to make every effort to strengthen our position. With this end in view encouragement is being given to our junior officers to study Chinese or other Eastern languages, as your Directors feel that the necessity for speaking the language of the Country of residence will become increasingly necessary and be of material assistance to our trade. This step will enable our officers to maintain a closer connection with the traders of the country in which they reside.

THE COMPANY'S NEW BUILDING IN LONDON.

You will be pleased to learn that the Society entered into occupation of its new building in Cornhill, London, on the 25th March, and the excellent office erected has given entire satisfaction to all concerned.

BONUS TO STAFF.

Gentlemen, we have followed our usual custom and voted a Bonus of 15 per cent. on salaries to the credit of members of the staff holding provident fund agreements which we feel sure will meet with your approval.

GENERAL MANAGER'S RETIREMENT.

The CHAIRMAN added: I have now to make an announcement which I am sure will be received by you all with feelings of profound regret. It is to inform you that our respected and deeply loved General Manager, owing to continued indifferent health, has tendered his resignation as from the 30th June next, and it has been regretfully accepted by your Directors. Mr. Ede's fine spirited public work for many years in this Colony, in which he has been so ably seconded by his devoted wife, is so well known to you all that I will not dwell here save to say that we all hope it will soon meet with the recognition it so richly deserves.

40 YEARS IN THE PAST.

Mr. Ede joined the Society's Eastern staff in 1884, and after serving in Hongkong, Shanghai, North China and Japan, he ultimately became Branch Manager at Shanghai. In the year 1908 he assumed full charge of the Society, having just completed an inspection tour in Australia. I may here remark that the arrangement he made of our business in that field has proved of lasting excellence. During recent years he has given considerable attention to the Japanese side of our business. No doubt the success of his activities in this field were materially assisted by the high esteem in which Mr. Ede holds the people of that country as I believe he is held by them. As you are no doubt aware, His Majesty the Emperor of Japan conferred upon him the "Order of the Sacred Treasure."

THE GROWTH OF THE COMPANY.

Mr. Ede has particularly requested me not to dwell on his resignation since you can well understand that, after serving the Company for the space of 40 years, he feels the severance very keenly, but it would be ill fitting indeed if he were allowed to retire without some reference by the Directors to the outstanding part he has played in the development of the Society's business and assets during the period he has controlled its destinies. (Hear, hear and applause.) I need merely mention that in 1904 when Mr. Ede assumed charge, the total assets were approximately a million sterling and the balance sheet now before you proclaims them to be over five times that figure—facts which speak for themselves and need no amplification.

A WORLD-WIDE CONCERN.

During the same period, through his foresight and personality, amalgamations were arranged and successfully concluded first between the "China Fire" and, later, the "North China," both of which have added considerably to the Society's power which to-day, Gentlemen, is world wide.

MR. EDE'S DEVOTION.

It has been my privilege as a Director of the Company to be associated with Mr. Ede for many years now; throughout that period I have been profoundly impressed with his intense personal devotion to the Company and the manner in which he has built up its excellent system with a view to securing the continuity of a policy which has amply proved itself in the past, and this affected, Gentlemen, our General Manager can safely take the rest which is both merited and needed.

£20,000 PLUS THREE YEARS' COMMISSION.

You will all be pleased to learn that he will continue to reside amongst us, and although he will not actively be engaged in business in the future we shall still be able to enjoy the charm of his very kindly nature. In recognition of the very valued services rendered to the Society by Mr. Ede, your Directors have voted him a sum of £20,000 and his present commission on profits for three years, and which I am confident will meet with your entire approval.

THE NEW GENERAL MANAGER.

I have now to announce that after very careful deliberation, the Board have appointed Mr. Paul Lauder, who has wide experience in many of the Society's principal branches as well as at Head Office—whom we have tried and have full confidence in—to succeed Mr. Ede, and he will assume charge of the Society's business as from the 1st July next. (Applause.)

There now only remains for me to propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts, and when this has been seconded I shall be glad to answer to the best of my ability any questions you may wish to ask. (Applause.)

SECONDER'S SPEECH.

Mr. J. Scott Harston: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—I have very much pleasure in seconding the resolution for the adoption of the Report and Accounts as presented to this meeting, and in doing so, I would remark that the financial position appearing therefrom is eminently satisfactory and reflects great credit not only upon the Company's Board of Directors and General Manager, but also upon all the other members of the Company's staff, for the world-wide nature of the Company's business makes its prosperity especially dependent upon the efforts of its staff in every quarter where that business is carried on. Speaking for myself, I consider that the policy of refraining from increasing the dividend is a sound one, and that the adoption of such a course will redound to the benefit of the Company, and consequently to that of its shareholders in future years.

In view of the appalling nature and extent of the unfortunate calamity which visited Japan last September, I consider that shareholders may well view the fact that the Company's losses in connection therewith are approximately £100,000, instead of a much larger sum, as not only a fortunate circumstance but also a tribute to the manner in which the Company's business is conducted.

MR. SCOTT HARSTON'S TRIBUTE.

I now come to a matter with which I am very much more qualified to deal than any of those which I have previously mentioned. I refer, of course, to the forthcoming retirement of the Company's General Manager, Mr. Ede. I have known Mr. Ede intimately during the whole period of his tenure of office as General Manager, and I have been honoured by his friendship throughout that period. For the past eleven years I have also acted as his legal adviser in connection with innumerable points whereunder he, as General Manager, has from time to time had to deal, and I don't mind confessing that his knowledge of the Law relating to Insurance matters is vastly superior to my own—which fact aptly serves to demonstrate that Mr. Ede must have at Mr. Ede must have at all times studied the subject of insurance deeply and kept in constant touch with all matters likely to affect the conduct of the Company's business and affairs, a task which when coupled with that of his having, as it were, to keep his finger upon the pulse of the Company's numerous interests and operations, can have been no light one.

THE NEW GENERAL MANAGER.

The great qualities in Mr. Ede's character have always appealed to me, namely, his invariable courtesy and his unflinching patience. Those are qualities which command respect at all times, but in Mr. Ede's case, we have to remember that he would be entitled to be excused if they were on occasion missing, for as we all know, he has for some ten years suffered from ill-health of such a nature and to such an extent as to try him almost beyond endurance, and yet he has, day after day, month after month, and year after year, so borne himself as to entitle him to the admiration of friend and foe alike. Many a younger man than he would have given up the struggle long ago, but Mr. Ede is imbued with the same spirit as that which has made the British Empire what it is to-day, and he has by his courage and determination set an example which will serve as a guiding light to those connected with the Company in the years to come. (Hear, hear.)

With regard to Mr. Ede's ability, I need only mention the fact that under his management the business of the Company has been quadrupled. You, Mr. Chairman, have indicated in your speech the esteem in which your colleagues and yourself hold Mr. Ede, and I will only add that I know that such esteem is thoroughly well deserved. I am pleased to note from your remarks, Mr. Chairman, that Mr. Ede will continue to reside amongst us, and I trust that he may long be spared to do so. He has more than earned the rest which his relinquishment of the post of General Manager will undoubtedly give him.

I would like to add a word of welcome to Mr. Lauder, who you, Mr. Chairman, have told us is to succeed Mr. Ede as General Manager on the 1st July next. I have not known Mr. Lauder so long or so intimately as I have known Mr. Ede, but I have been brought into sufficient contact with him to be made aware that he is a gentleman possessed of the attribute which Carlyle described as *Genius*, namely, "The infinite capacity for taking pains." He has had a lengthy experience in the Company's service, and I am sure well merits the confidence reposed in him by the Company's Board of Directors, and I feel certain that the future will show that such confidence has not been misplaced. I am sure you will all join me in wishing Mr. Lauder a long and prosperous career as the Company's General Manager.

The adoption of the report and accounts was carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., seconded by Mr. GEORGE GRIMBLE, Mr. J. A. Plummer and Mr. D. O. Russell were re-elected to the Board of Directors.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Mr. C. Bernard Brown were re-elected Auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$3,000 each, on the proposition of Mr. L. E. N. Ryan, seconded by Mr. L. E. N. Ryan.

This was all the business before the meeting.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

A SATISFACTORY YEAR.

The fifty-fifth annual general meeting of the China Fire Insurance Company, Ltd., was held yesterday morning at the offices of the Company, Union Buildings, the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak presiding. There were also present: Mr. J. A. Plummer, Mr. D. O. Russell, Mr. J. P. Warren, Mr. C. G. S. Mackie and Mr. G. M. Young (Directors), Mr. Paul Lauder, representing the General Manager (the Hon. Mr. C. Montague Ede), and the following shareholders:—Messrs. C. G. Franklin, W. R. Mansfield, A. C. Hay, E. A. Lees, B. M. C. da Cunha, V. L. dos Remedios, A. E. S. Alves, A. A. Alves, M. A. Souza, W. F. Gardner, R. D. Read, and P. M. Hodgson.

The CHAIRMAN said:—Gentlemen,—The report and accounts were issued on the 1st May and subject to your approval I will follow the usual procedure and take it as well as the Auditors' report as read. The working account for the year 1923 shows a balance of \$904,376.02 to be dealt with. Your Directors recommend that this balance be appropriated as follows:—

Dividend of \$7.70 and bonus of \$3.00 per share on 20,000 shares \$200,000.00
To carry forward to underwriting suspense account 704,376.02
Total \$904,376.02

Turning to the balance sheet you will notice that the Sterling Exchange this year is 2s. 3½d. as against 2s. 2½d. last year. The balance at credit of the 1923 account is \$1,769,770.04. I feel certain, Gentlemen, that you will consider these figures satisfactory from all points of view.

I now move that the Directors' report and statement as presented be adopted and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions that may be put.

Mr. A. C. Hay seconded the adoption of the report and accounts, which was carried unanimously. Mr. J. A. Plummer were re-elected to the Board of Directors on the proposition of Mr. V. L. dos Remedios, seconded by Mr. A. A. Alves.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Mr. C. Bernard Brown were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$750 each, on the proposition of Mr. A. E. S. Alves, seconded by Mr. V. L. dos Remedios.

This was all the business before the meeting.

EUROPEAN LADY ROBBED.

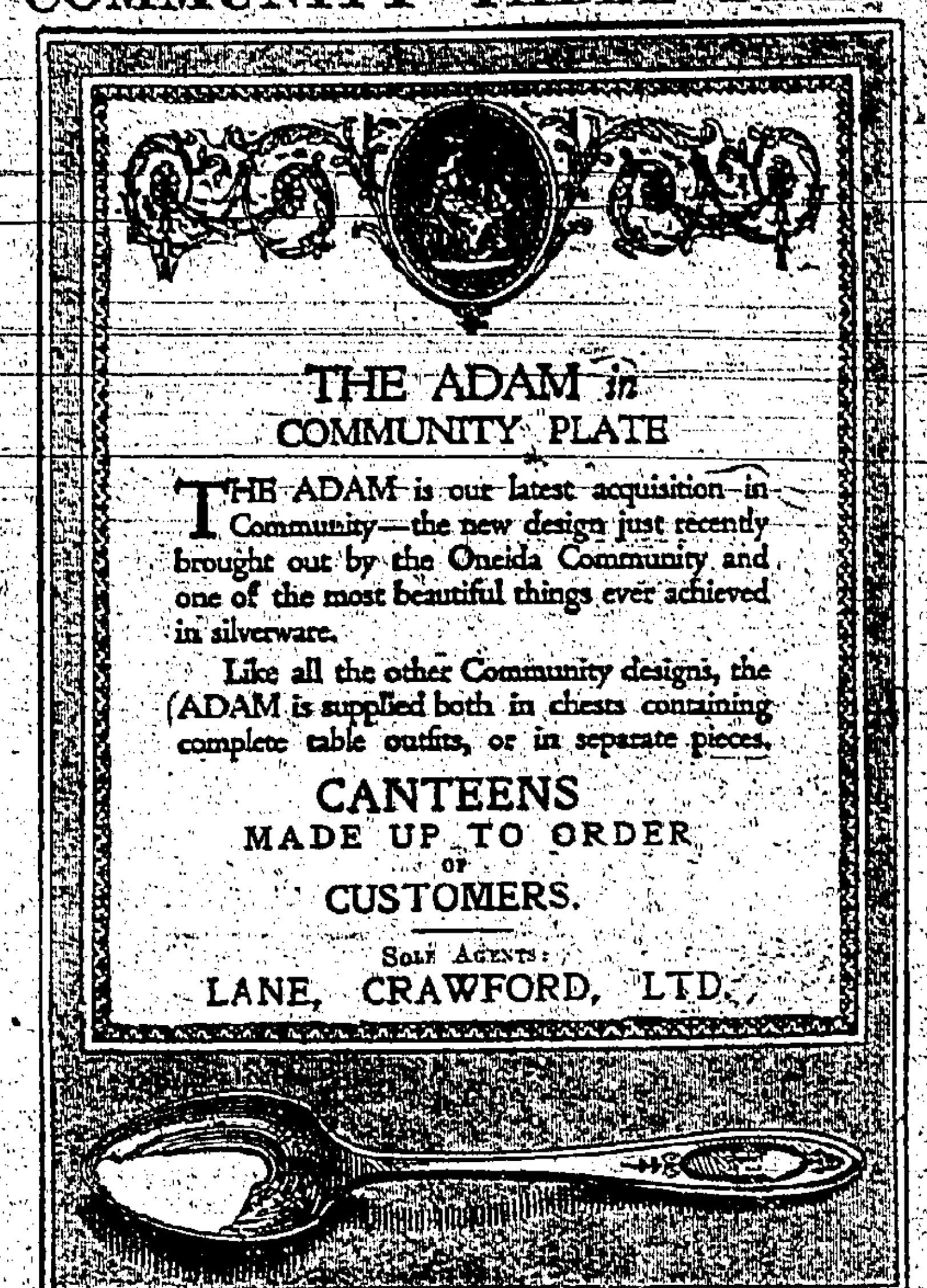
KOWLOON AMAH SENT TO PRISON.

A Kowloon amah was sent to prison for two months yesterday by Mr. Hamilton at the Kowloon magistracy for stealing from his mistress, Miss Lucy Belton, of No. 6, Granville Road, Kowloon, one gold watch, one diamond ring, two lockets, one gold chain, one jade ring and one gold bangle, valued at \$101.

The woman pleaded "Guilty," stating that it was her first offence. She also said that she had all her property stolen in the country and that she was very poor.

The defendant, who was employed as a sewing amah, went to her mistress on Sunday and told her that she was sick and wanted to go to hospital. On Monday morning she returned to the house and asked to be allowed to go upstairs to get a thimble. Whilst upstairs she took the articles from a box. She afterwards confessed to the police that she sold them to a goldsmith in Queen's Road Central. The jeweller in question denied this. None of the articles have been recovered, but the sum of \$38 was found in the woman's possession, and it is assumed that the money was part of the money obtained from the sale of the jewellery.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th MAY, 1924, at 11.00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th April, 1924.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on Wednesday, 21st May, to Wednesday, 28th May, 1924, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SONS, General Managers. Hongkong, 17th May, 1924. [785]

THE "STAR" FERRY CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., on FRIDAY, the 30th MAY, 1924, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th April, 1924.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from Saturday, the 24th May, 1924, to Friday, the 30th May, 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, W. S. BROWN, Secretary.

Hongkong, May 16th, 1924. [786]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD. AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer "HENTON" are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Heli's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to terms and conditions of storage at Heli's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 14th May.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival. All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the free storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 22nd May, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 25th June, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 16th May, 1924. [783]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

PRINCE LINE FAR EAST SERVICE. FROM NEW YORK AND NEWPORT NEWS, VA.

THE Steamship "SLAVIC PRINCE" having arrived from the above Ports, on 16th May, 1924, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 22nd May, 1924, at 10 a.m.

All Claims must be presented within 14 days of the Steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 22nd May, 1924, will be subject to rent.

Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that they must produce an Import permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading can be counter-signed.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. HILLS of Lading will be counter-signed by FURNESS (FAR EAST) LTD., St. George's Building, Hongkong. Telephone No. 3165. Hongkong, 16th May, 1924. [784]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S STEAMER "SILVIA".

ARRIVED HONGKONG ON 15th MAY 1924. FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO & STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo from Persian Gulf, ex B.I.N. and B. & P.S.N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions have been given to the contrary 6 hours before arrival of the Steamer.

Goods not cleared within 4 days, including date of arrival will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the Steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown. MACKENZIE & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 16th May, 1924. [780]

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE.

WE have This Day MOVED our Office to the "ASIATIC BUILDING," Second Floor, HAZELAND & GONELLA, Architects. [785]

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Power of Attorney granted to Mr. JOHN RYDERS HINDMARSH has This Day been Revoked.

THE ASIATIC TRADING CORPORATION, LIMITED. Hongkong, 16th May, 1924. [787]

NOTICE.

DURING My Absence from the Colony, the Hongkong Office will be in Charge of Mr. R. E. OST who will Sign "Per Procurationem."

B. MONTEITH WEBB, Director. ALEXANDER & CO., LTD. [761]

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SECOND ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Hongkong Hotel on MONDAY, 26th MAY, 1924, at Noon. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 16th May, 1924, to 26th May, 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, S. J. JORDAN, Secretary. Hongkong, 7th May, 1924. [783]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HARRY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 24th MAY, 1924, commencing at 3 p.m. The First Bell will be rung at 2.30 p.m.

The Charge for Admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform Half Price. Members are advised that they must show their Season Tickets to obtain Admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each Member has the right of introducing 2 Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure. Tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. LUSK & DAVIS at \$5 each up to FRIDAY, MAY 23rd.

The Stewards invite the Ladies of Hongkong to be present. [778]

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT Programmes and Entry Forms for the FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 24th MAY, 1924, and MONDAY, 27th MAY, 1924 (weather permitting), may be obtained at the Race Club, HONGKONG CLUB and CADESWAY BAY STABLES.

Entries Close on 24th May, 1924. [782]

S.S. "AMBOISE."

SERVICES CONTRACTUELS DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from MARSEILLE, LERS, 45, in connection with above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, To-day, requesting it to be loaded here.

Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by the Undersigned. Goods remaining undelivered after the 19th instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All Claims must be sent in to us on or before the 22nd instant, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on Monday, the 19th instant, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. R. RODENFUESS, Acting Agent. Hongkong, 12th May, 1924. [769]

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Undersigned on FRIDAY, the 25th MAY, 1924, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1923.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 9th to the 23rd May, 1924, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Agents. Hongkong, 5th May, 1924. [743]

WILLIAM POWELL, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Hongkong Hotel on FRIDAY, 25th MAY, 1924, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts for the 23rd February, 1924.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th May to 23rd May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, E. O. HOLT, Managing Director. Hongkong, 9th May, 1924. [759]

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Scrip No. 4227 for 500 shares Ewo Cotton Mills Ltd., in the name of Mr. EZRA ABRAHAM of Hongkong, together with a duly executed transfer deed purporting to assign the said shares has been Lost.

The said shares are the property of the Undersigned and application has been duly made to the Company for the issue of a Duplicate Scrip.

The public is therefore warned against dealing with the said Shares without reference to the Undersigned. Any person having any knowledge as to the whereabouts of the said scrip is asked to communicate with the Undersigned.

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NOTICE.

A Vacancy exists at the ROYAL NAVAL VICTUALLING YARD, Kowloon, for a STOREHOUSE ASSISTANT. Candidates must be over 18 Years of Age and be able to read and write English. Starting Pay—\$1.00 A Day for 8 Days A Week. Application in the Candidates' own Handwriting should be addressed to the VICTUALLING STORE OFFICER. 781

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DEATH.

PEARSON.—At Shanghai, on May 12th, ETALIA COLLACO PEARSON, aged 68 years.

Hongkong Office: 14, Chester Road. London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MAY 17TH, 1924.

EVADING THE TREATIES.

There would seem to be some concerted action among the provincial authorities of China in the matter of imposing illegal taxation on cigarettes. We learn from one of the Chinese news agencies at Peking that the latest reports show that ten provinces and special administration areas under the direct control of the Central Government, have commenced to levy an excise duty on the sale of cigarettes.

"Nominally under the direct control of the Central Government" would be the correct way of expressing it, for these provinces and administrative areas are acting in open defiance of the views of the Central Government on the subject. A diplomatic protest has been made against the imposition of this internal taxation and the Central Government apparently admits the validity of the protest, for the Chinese news agency refers to the "objection" of the Central Government to the levying of this new taxation. It is not a new idea. We heard of it two or three years ago at Canton when a protest was successfully made against it by the British Consul. At the present time it does not appear that the advocates of this taxation in the provinces are disputing that it is in conflict with Treaty provisions. What they are saying is that, by a resolution of the Washington conference, China was promised a 2½ per cent. additional import duty. China considers that she is sorely in need of increased revenue, and Provincial Authorities are represented as taking the view that the Powers are deliberately withholding the promised surtax from China. "Therefore," they say, "we will take matters into our own hands." In so far as this is the explanation it is obviously a deliberate defiance of the Treaty Powers, and it will be interesting to see

what the consequences will be. There is more than one excuse for the tax, but the need of revenue "for administrative and military expenses" is common to all the provinces and constitutes the main inspiration of the tax. We do not suppose that the Central Government view with satisfaction the substitution of this "consumption tax" which would go into the provincial treasuries, for the Customs surtax, which would go into the national treasury chest. There seems to be a tendency in Chinese official quarters in the provinces to ignore the fact that the surtax promised at Washington was bound up with certain undertakings on the part of China in regard to the abolition of opium and the fulfilment of other conditions laid down in the treaties with the Powers. The nature of this illicit tax is illustrated by the following details: A case of Manchester goods (containing 30 pieces) was recently sent from Chungking to Cheongta and likin was charged at three different stations at the rate of Tls. 0.25 per piece. Later it was returned to Chungking and was again charged at the same places and at the same rate, thus paying 6 by 35 = Tls. 1.56 per piece. The value of the cloth being Tls. 10 per piece, the rate of likin taxation was 15.6 per cent. Add to that 5 per cent. import duty at Shanghai and the total rate of taxation paid equalled 20.6 per cent. The comment of the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce Journal on this was "Such exactions have no novelty, for this kind of merry squeezing is going on everywhere. Nevertheless the instance is a concrete illustration of what Sir John Jordan said recently in London, that the 3½ per cent. surtax should on no account be granted without genuine provision for abolition of such internal taxation."

Considering this taxation on cigarettes apart from any relation to the disappointment caused by delay in getting the 3½ per cent. surtax imposed, it is obvious that if the Powers once recognised this surtax on cigarettes the principle is capable of extension to every article of trade, and the object of the treaties would be entirely defeated. Before the Tientsin Treaty was signed British merchants had constantly complained that "charges are suddenly and arbitrarily imposed by the provincial authorities, as transit duties upon produce on its way to the foreign market, and on imports on their way to the interior, to the detriment of trade." In consequence, arrangements were made whereby the correct transit charges should be definitely declared. "In those days" the "consumption tax" was unknown in China. It has been seized upon now as a very plausible means of evading the Treaties. Occasionally we read of this taxation being advocated as a means of checking what is sometimes called "the second opium evil." But nobody is misled: the supreme consideration is more revenue. Once the precedent is established that Provincial Governments can levy additional taxation on cigarettes, there is no very obvious reason why they might not also "suddenly and arbitrarily" extend such taxation to piece-goods, kerosene, flour, and any other article of commerce.

Admiral Sir J. Startin is passing through the Colony on the P. & O. S.S. "Lafayette" en route to London.

Mrs. Fox and Mr. H. H. Fox, C.M.G., Commercial Counsellor of the British Legation, Peking, are proceeding to England by the s.s. "Patrocinus."

Invitations have been issued by H.E. The Governor to a reception and ball at Government House on June 3rd in honour of the King's birthday.

Mrs. V. K. Wellington Koo, wife of the Chinese Minister for Foreign Affairs, is organizing a Peking branch of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

During the absence of Major-General Sir John Fowler, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., on duty in North China, the Command of the Troops in South China devolves on Lieut. Colonel F. S. Montague-Bates, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

Mr. Eric Teichman, C.I.E., who has for some time past been acting as Chinese Secretary of the British Legation, has now been given substantive rank as Chinese Secretary. Mr. Teichman has recently been suffering from an attack of heart fever, but it is expected that he will resume duty in a few days.

DR. SUN-YAT SEN. AN OFFICIAL DENIAL. Reuter's Agency has received the following cable from Generalissimo's Headquarters, Canton, dated 15th May, 1924:

The reported death of Dr. Sun Yat Sen is entirely unfounded. He was indisposed a fortnight ago, owing to a strenuous day on May 15th, when he addressed several meetings. He is now completely recovered, his medical adviser, Dr. Hummel, having ceased attendance over a week ago.

(Signed) "FUYONG CHAN."

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

THE CHINA ASSOCIATION.

SIR EDWARD PEARCE SPEAKS OUT. SHANGHAI, May 16th.

At the annual meeting of the China Association yesterday, Sir Edward Pearce (chairman) urged that firmness was the only way to counter illegal taxation and the disregard paid to treaty rights. The foreign nations should co-operate.

The Peking Government, continued Sir Edward, was a shadowy pretence, and maintained office by reason of the war lords' continuous efforts in side tracking all foreign demands. Behind this screen of "Government" illegal taxation was levied with immunity and treaty rights were ignored.

The consideration lavished on China at the Washington Conference, added Sir Edward, had been productive of more harm than good. China wanted benefits without obligations.

In conclusion the Chairman urged the necessity for naval protection in the Upper Yangtze River reaches in view of the unchecked lawlessness created by opposing military factions.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.] DR. WELLINGTON KOO. ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION. BOMB DELIVERED AT HIS HOUSE. THREE SERVANTS SERIOUSLY INJURED.

PEKING, May 16th. A dastardly attempt to assassinate Dr. Wellington Koo has occurred.

A messenger left a box at Dr. Koo's residence yesterday evening, refusing to disclose the sender's name, but stating that the box contained articles for the doctor's personal use. The messenger's demeanour aroused no suspicion, but merely curiosity. On receiving the report the messenger hastily decamped.

The box was not opened until three o'clock this afternoon, when a bomb exploded inside, dangerously injuring three servants.

On giving instructions to open the box Dr. Koo remained in the other room, no one entertaining the slightest suspicion until the report was heard that the box was otherwise than harmless.

No clue to the sender has yet been discovered.

JAPANESE TOWN ABLAZE. ONE THOUSAND HOUSES GUTTED. CASUALTIES UNKNOWN. Tokyo, May 16th.

The principal streets in the town of Hachinohe, Aomori prefecture, were gutted in three and a half hours by a fire which broke out early this morning. A thousand houses, including many principal buildings, were destroyed. The extent of the casualties is unknown.

The fire is attributable to a neglected "firebox."

Nearly half the town, including all public buildings, has been destroyed. Details of the casualties are not at present obtainable. Meanwhile rescue work is progressing with all speed.

JAPANESE NAVAL MINISTER. TENDERS HIS RESIGNATION. Tokyo, May 16th.

Murakami, the Navy Minister, has tendered his resignation on the grounds of ill-health.

[Vice-Admiral] Murakami is 63 years of age and entered the Japanese Navy when a youngster. For a number of years he was adjutant to the Naval Minister. He was promoted Rear-Admiral in 1907, Vice-Admiral in 1912, and for a while commanded the Third Fleet.

JAPANESE IN U.S. A STEP NEARER EXCLUSION. Washington, May 15th.

Over-riding Mr. Coolidge's opposition, the House of Representatives has overwhelmingly adopted the conference committee's report, making Japanese exclusion effective on July 1st. The measure now goes to the Senate.

BRITISH WORLD FLIGHT. "JUMPS" ACROSS INDIA. Allahabad, May 16th.

Major MacLaren left at daybreak for Calcutta.

Calcutta, May 16th. Major MacLaren has arrived, the flight taking six hours.

Allahabad, May 16th. Major MacLaren proposes to halt until Wednesday at Calcutta, where the "Vulture" will be overhauled and a new low compression engine fitted.

THE AMERICAN FLIGHT. HELD UP AT ATTU. Tokyo, May 16th.

Reuter's correspondent at Paramashiru says that hopes are entertained that the flyers will jump off from Attu on Thursday as the weather is most ideal. The destroyer "Ford," which returned on May 15th has sent a wireless message to the flyers daily urging an immediate flight. The answer always received from Attu has been to the effect that the weather is still unfavourable.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]
IRON ORE FOR GERMANY.
BIG BRITISH CONTRACT.
St. Johns (Newfoundland), May 15th.
It is announced that the British Empire Corporation has contracted to supply 1,250,000 tons of iron ore to German buyers within the next six months. Twenty large steamers will be required for the conveyance of the ore.

SURPLUS WAR MATERIALS.
BRITAIN NEITHER BUYING NOR SELLING.

London, May 15th.
The British Government has declined to request the Lithuanian Government or other Baltic interests to sell them surplus war material.
The Cabinet is resolved not to sell such material to foreign countries.

THE DETAINED FARMER.
BOHO OF MENTAL HOME CASE.

London, May 16th.
The Court of Appeal has given judgment in the Harnett case, allowing Adams' appeal and entering judgment for him with costs; ordering a new trial in the case of Bond, who was granted the costs of the appeal; the costs of the first trial are to abide by the result of the rehearing with certain limitations.
[In February last a proposal was made that the Government should appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into the lunacy laws, as the result of a lawsuit in which a farmer named Harnett was awarded a total of \$25,500 damages against two doctors, Mr. Bond, Commissioner in lunacy, and a man named Adam who had a home for mental cases.
Harnett was detained in asylums for over eight years, but escaped in 1921, when specialists certified him sane. The jury found that he was sane when he was detained in 1912 and that reasonable care had not been exercised.]

HOME BUILDING TRADE
DISPUTE.
EMPLOYERS' OFFER.

London, May 15th.
The building trade operatives and executives have decided to submit to a ballot embodying the new terms offered by employers with a recommendation in favour of their acceptance. The offer is an immediate increase of one halfpenny per hour until the statutory revision next January when the employers are willing to stabilize wages at 1s. 6d. per hour in Grade "A" towns, with subsequent reductions of one halfpenny per hour for every drop of eleven points in the cost of living index figure.

EARLIER CABLES.
ANGLO-SOVIET CONFERENCE.
BRITISH SUBJECTS' CLAIMS.

London, May 15th.
A communiqué states that at today's plenary meeting of the Anglo-Soviet conference the British excluded from the scope of the conference the peace treaties to which other countries were signatories without consulting the latter.
Questions were discussed concerning claims by British subjects against Russia since the revolution, and inter-governmental claims, on which a divergence of opinion resulted. The conference then adjourned to afford the Soviet delegates an opportunity of studying the British proposals. It meets again on May 2nd.
The Russian imports for April are valued at thirty-one million gold roubles, and the exports at twelve million. M. Kameneff at a Communist party conference anticipated a favourable issue of the Anglo-Soviet conference, and in such case, if credits be given, part of their orders might be placed in England. He stated that private capital in South Russia governed eighty-three per cent of the retail trade and fifty per cent of the wholesale. This percentage was too large, and the State should be masters in the home markets.

LATEST CABLES.
SATISFACTORY NEGOTIATIONS.

London, May 16th.
Official circles profess satisfaction at the progress of the Anglo-Soviet negotiations and are hopeful of a successful outcome notwithstanding a certain acerbity which the diplomatic correspondents state was apparent several times at yesterday's conference.
A communiqué reveals a divergence of opinion on the subject of inter-governmental claims, which the British requested should be postponed on account of technical difficulties of assessment. The Soviet representatives, however, objected on the ground that a postponement would mean delaying the claims they advanced, whereas Britain would only shelving part of her claims.
The British delegates also formally proposed that compensation be paid to the dispossessed British proprietors of holdings in Russia. The Soviet promised to consider this proposal after pointing out the difficulties of evolving a general formula, which would be complicated by the difference between the British and Soviet social systems.

EARLIER CABLES.
HOME MINING WAGES.
A PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT.

London, May 15th.
A conference of representatives of coal-owners and miners, in accordance with the recommendation of the recent court of enquiry has resulted in an agreement to-day on the subject of wages, on terms to be submitted to the men's delegate conference on May 25th.
The main provisions of the proposed agreement allow for standard profits to consist of fifteen per cent of the standard wages, instead of seventeen per cent, as at present. The minimum rate of wages has been increased to thirty-three and a third per cent. The division of the surplus profits is to be 68 per cent to wages and 32 per cent to profits, respectively. No able-bodied adult wages are to fall below forty per cent of the lowest paid class of day workmen in the particular district.

POINCARÉ'S FAITH IN THE EXPERTS.

Paris, May 15th.
M. Poincaré in a long, private and cordial letter to Mr. MacDonald expressing regret that he is unable to proceed to the Chequers as arranged, expresses the opinion that an Allied agreement is perfectly capable of being realized on the basis of the Experts' plan.

INTERNATIONAL EMIGRATION.
CONFERENCE IN ROME.

Rome, May 15th.
On the opening of the international emigration conference, in the presence of the King, Cabinet Ministers, and diplomatic representatives, Mussolini welcomed the delegates from fifty-nine States attending, and laid stress on the necessity for safeguarding interests, and on the point that laws for the protection of emigrants should insure principles of humanity and justice.

A "BIG BANG."
EXPERIMENTS IN SOUND WAVES.

Paris, May 15th.
Ten tons of melinite exploded as Le Courtine at 7.30 p.m. and provided a "big bang" for which listening posts on the ground and in the air had been established in most countries in Europe with the object of studying the behaviour of sound waves.
The experiment, under official international auspices, is a continuation of the test made at Oldesbroke, in Holland, in 1922. Similar explosions have been arranged for Friday and Saturday.

THE WORLD'S SPORT.
HOME CRICKET.

London, May 15th.
COUNTY MATCHES.
Kent at Gravesend beat Northampton by twenty-seven runs. Kent scored 206, Wells taking 4 for 23, and in their second innings 67, Wells taking 4 for 23. Northampton compiled 193, and in the second innings 53, Freeman taking 1 for 12 and Woolley for 14.
Sussex defeated Gloucestershire at Bristol by an innings and sixteen runs. For Sussex, Cox compiled 74. Take in the first Gloucester innings took 6 for 24, and Cox, in the second 6 for 66.
TWO CENTURIES.
At Nottingham, the match between Notts and South Africa was resumed in glorious weather, before six thousand spectators. Notts compiled 165.
The South Africans replied with 238, Notts knocking up 147, not out, in one hundred and ninety-four minutes, with superb all-round play, hitting nineteen fours. Staples took 5 for 73.
Yorkshire beat Cambridge University at Cambridge by an innings and six runs. Yorkshire compiled 241 for 8, and declared, Sutcliffe contributing 108, not out. Cambridge scored 111 (Rhodes taking 6 for 23) and in the second innings 117.

NEW GOLF RECORD.
FOUR ROUNDS IN 250.

London, May 15th.
At Deal in the Daily Mail 21,000 professional golf tournament, the contest was won by the young Lancashire professional, C. A. Whitcombe, who, following a wonderful first round in seventy yesterday, which broke the course record, accomplished a marvellous fourth round in sixty-nine to-day, aggregating 280, which is a British championship course record. A hundred leading British professionals competed. The previous best seventy-two hole record over a championship course was 291, by James Bradd at Prestwick in 1906.

AMERICAN BASEBALL.
AMERICAN LEAGUE.

New York, 1; St. Louis, 2.
Boston, 2; Chicago, 4.
Philadelphia, 6; Detroit, 12.
Washington, 4; Cleveland, 6.
NATIONAL LEAGUE.
Chicago, 6; New York, 4.
Pittsburg, 4; Philadelphia, 3.
Cincinnati, 0; Boston, 4.
St. Louis, 3; Brooklyn, 6.

FRENCH AIRMAN PROMOTED.
CAPTAINCY FOR DOIST.

Paris, May 15th.
The Minister of War has entered the name of Lieutenant Pelletier Doist with a view to promotion to the rank of Captain, and Sergeant Binin to the rank of Knight of the Legion d'Honneur.

BRITISH PLANE FOR PORTUGUESE.

Lisbon, May 15th.
A message from Karachi says the Portuguese airman hope to resume their flight on May 22nd, in an aeroplane which the British R.A.F. has placed at their disposal.

EARLIER CABLES.
REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.
AFTERMATH OF THE WAR.
U.S. MILITARY BONUS.

Washington, May 15th.
Present Coolidge has vetoed the Soldiers' Bonus Bill.
The advocates of the bonus have announced an attempt to pass the Bill over the President's veto.

NOT IN THE FAMILY.
SON-IN-LAW DECLINES TAMMANY LEADERSHIP.

New York, May 15th.
Mr. Foley has declined the Tammany leadership on grounds of health.
[Mr. Foley is the son-in-law of the late Charles F. Murphy, the former leader of Tammany Hall.]

NOT OVERPAID.
FIVE HOURS: 50 CENTS.

A Norwegian marine engineer named Andrus Walla, 21, appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistrate yesterday on a charge of refusing to pay his legal ricksha fare, and with assaulting an Indian constable.
According to evidence it appeared that from 10.30 p.m. to 3 o'clock in the morning the defendant kept a ricksha in attendance whilst he went into the Hongkong Hotel, King Edward Hotel and various places in the Wanchai district. When he finally got to Blake Pier, he disregarded the coolie's demands for ricksha hire and was proceeding to buy a ticket on a motor boat to return to his ship. The coolie got an Indian constable to interfere for him and Walla is alleged to have then struck the constable and knocked off his turban.
The defendant, in reply to the Magistrate said: "I did not want the coolie to wait."
The Magistrate: Why then did you not let him go? If you did not pay him he would naturally wait.
The defendant: I paid him 20 cents.
The Magistrate: Twenty cents for five hours!
Defendant went on to say that it was from the Seamen's Institute that he first engaged the ricksha. It took him straight to Blake Pier and he paid what he considered the right fare—twenty cents.
The Magistrate: It is no use your telling lies. You had his ricksha the whole time. I don't believe you.
Defendant was fined \$10 for the assault and ordered to pay the ricksha coolie \$2.

TEST OF HONESTY.
A FRENCH METHOD.

From an ingenious test of public honesty which has just been carried out by an evening newspaper, the Paris *Soir*, it would appear that only about 30 per cent of men are scrupulously honest. The newspaper's experiment was made on one hundred men, representing a wide variety of occupations and social grades. Their names were selected from a directory, being chosen to represent each profession or stratum of life, and to each one was sent a letter enclosing a postage stamp with the following note: "In reply to your letter I am enclosing herewith the sum of 5 francs, which I owe you." The name of the writer and a private address were given, no mention being made, of course, of the newspaper.
Those who received the letter and enclosure must have seen at once that there was an error, and that their duty was to return the sum immediately. But only thirty did so, the remaining seventy either being content to profit by a mistake, or at any rate willing to give themselves the benefit of any possible doubt without seeking explanations.
The most honest were members of Parliament and men of letters, for in each of these categories four promptly returned the money, while only one kept it. Next in order of merit came civil servants, doctors, and chimney sweeps, each class having three who returned the remittance against two who kept it. Ministers of religion, academicians, diplomats, actors, and magistrates had each only two representatives out of five who did the right thing, while the profession of law was represented by the lawyers, publishers, manufacturers, dress-makers, hair dressers, tailors and bakers, grocers, butchers, and wine merchants, each one of the test with the least credit for in every case they kept the cash and asked no questions.

AHEAD OF THE MAIL.
[FROM INDIAN PAPERS.]
GERTIE MILLAR WEDS A PEER.

London, April 30th.
Lord Dudley and Mrs. Lionel Montagu, better known as Gertie Millar, were married at the British Consulate at Paris.
The Church and Consulate were decorated with white flowers and the Church Service was fully choral. Mendelssohn's Wedding March being played as the bride and bridegroom descended the aisle.

THE FOUR BIRTHDAYS.
CHRISTIAN GENERAL'S PROTEST AGAINST WASTE.
AN IMPASSIONED APPEAL.

Peking, May 6th.
General Feng Yu-hsiang took occasion on the suggestion of General Huoh Tze-heng, Superintendent of the Peking Police, that he join in the birthday celebrations of Premier Sun Yat-si, Wang Hui-ching, Chief of the Accounting Department of the President's Office, and the Manchukuo Prince Hsun, to assert his opposition to the squandering of a large sum of money at a time when conditions in China are so serious and disruption and poverty stare in on the Government from all sides.
Addressing General Huoh, The Christian General writes as follows: "I am in receipt of your letter regarding the joint celebration for the birthdays of Premier Sun, General Wang, Mr. Li and Prince Hsun, in which it is suggested that I take part in order to promote good friendship. I should follow your good intentions but Premier Sun went to the Western Hills to avoid a celebration of his birthday by his friends, thereby clearly showing that he did not like the idea of his friends spending their money in that way. I personally took a small gift to Premier Sun's home in order to offer my congratulations and as General Wang Hui-ching's birthday was celebrated in a simple manner at his home, I wrote a pair of scrolls myself and offered him congratulations in person. When the birthday of Mr. Li and Prince Hsun come, I will do the same with them. Therefore, your suggestion that I should join the celebration of these four gentlemen's birthdays when a theatrical performance and the like will be arranged, is not agreeable to me. Please pardon my expressing my humble view on this subject."

RELFEST-LIVERPOOL AIR SERVICE.

London, April 30th.
The Belfast-Liverpool air mail service opened to-day, the Lord Mayor and the High Sheriff of Belfast and Sifton Bracken being the passengers.

ENGLISHMAN'S JOURNEY THROUGH RUSSIA.

London, April 30th.
Sir Percy Loraine, British Minister at Tehran, has arrived in London.
He journeyed home through Russia, this being the first occasion on which a British official has traversed Russia since the war. He was amply received everywhere.

SHIPBUILDING CONCERN IN BARCELONA.

Madrid, April 30th.
A new shipbuilding company has been founded in Barcelona under the auspices of Krupp, entitled the Navy Union of Levant. Its capital is fully subscribed, and no shares are being offered to the public.
If conditions allow, the company will build warships and locomotives, besides merchantmen.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

London, April 30th.
The Anglo-Indian Association in London has memorialised Lord Olivier regarding the enforced retirement of a large number of Assistant Surgeons in the Indian Medical Department and the denial of appointments to students who have duly passed for the department.

It is stated that these drastic steps are not so much due to reductions in the British Army as to the introduction of expansion in the R.A.M.C. rank and file in India as a post-war measure.

FLIGHT OF BRITISH AGRICULTURE.

London, May 1st.
In the House of Commons, a private Member moved that the House views with serious concern the continued reduction of agricultural acreage in Great Britain, and urged that a way should be found by which the greater proportion of British wheat might be used for making flour, thereby stimulating wheat-growing.

The Minister for Agriculture, Mr. Buxton, asserted that the arable area in 1924 was practically the same as before the war. He had not found from the farming community, apart from those who recommended protection, any other proposals put forward than those which Government was adopting, namely, assistance by research and education and an increase of the very large sums already devoted to scientific and financial aid to farmers in the matter of obtaining credit.

PENSION OF NAVAL OFFICERS.

London, May 1st.
On a private Member's motion drawing attention to the pensions of retired Naval Officers and declaring that there was no justification for depriving a retired Naval Officer of his pension during the period of a war in which he had served, Mr. J. H. Thomas announced that Government was appointing a committee, on which there would be a Banker Officer, to consider the whole question.

THE INFORMER.
SINGAPORE JUDGE INSISTS ON HIS EVIDENCE.
THE POLICE OBJECT AND WITHDRAW A CHARGE.

At the Singapore Assizes, last week, at the commencement of a case in which a Chinese was charged with being in possession of a large quantity of forged \$5 notes, the Chief Justice called the attention of the Deputy Public Prosecutor to the fact that a witness whom the accused wanted to call had apparently been kept away by the police.
Mr. Whitley: He is an informer, my Lord.
His Lordship: He is an informer, but he is the most important witness in the case. The accused desires to call him, and I think he ought to be called.
Mr. Whitley said that the police had refused to give the address of the informer.
His Lordship: You need not give the name of an informer unless it is necessary for the purpose of the defence. The informer in this case is the most important witness. I rule that this man must be called.
Mr. Whitley said the informer only took part in the case on the distinct understanding that he would not be called. If His Lordship supported the accused's application, he (Mr. Whitley) would have to withdraw the charge.
His Lordship said that a mere informer was a different matter, but this man was the most important witness in the case. The accused had tried to suborn him, but he had apparently been kept out of the way.
Mr. Whitley said the process server applied to the police for the address of the informer, and the police refused to give it, contending that it had been given to them in confidence.
A BREACH OF FAITH.
His Lordship said that the police were not entitled to keep the principal witness in the case out of the way. Where an informer was a necessary witness his name had to be given.
Mr. Whitley said that in a large number of cases, where a man was found as the result of action by an informer, exactly the same argument would apply.
His Lordship replied that in many cases the informer ought to be called, but in this case the accused desired him to be called, and rested his defence upon his evidence.
Mr. Whitley: The accused persons in these cases are very anxious to find out who the informers are, and I submit that where there is other independent evidence to establish the case the prosecution need not give the informer's name.
His Lordship: Why should the accused not be allowed to call the man who was the prime mover in the whole thing?
Mr. Whitley: In nearly every case the informer is bound to be the man who knows most about the case. If the informer is called, and he would reverse the case for this witness to be subpoenaed.
Mr. Whitley: It would be a breach of faith on the part of the police, having obtained this information under a distinct promise, if they were to expose this man to very painful possibilities. These coming gangs are very powerful organisations, and unfortunate things happen to witnesses. I cannot take the responsibility of exposing this man to such danger.
Mr. Whitley, after consulting with the police officers, withdrew the case, and the accused was discharged.

FINANCIAL STRINGENCY.

"Financial stringency exists everywhere, and there is suffering among the common people. The troops and police are starving because they are unpaid, while the schools lacking funds face strikes. If there is any money available, it seems to me that it should be properly utilized. A theatrical performance and feast would require the futile expenditure of thousands of dollars."

"Recently rain has been scarce in the Metropolitan District and the wheat and other crops are dying, so that a spring famine is likely. Sun, Wang, Li, and Hsun in their various offices are working day and night, planning measures to relieve conditions which might be caused by a famine and they should not allow us to spend money foolishly on them."

"Political conditions in the country are disturbed. The situation in the Three Eastern Provinces, in the south-western provinces, in Canton, Yunnan, and Kweichow, cannot be foreseen and while this political upheaval goes on throughout the country, people are suffering. We in high office, are the servants of the people, and we cannot share the great sorrow with the President, and we are not able to relieve the sufferings of our people, we must put our hands to our hearts, feeling they are our own responsibility. Even while we are practicing economy, and promoting diligence, I fear that it will not save the critical situation by a thousandth part."

"In offering congratulations with feasts, our hearts must be reverent and respectful to those whose birthday it is, and if we are not respectful in our hearts, even though the celebration is magnificent, which is intended only please the guests, I am sure it will sadden the hearts of the one being honoured. If our hearts are sincere, respectful and reverent, even small gifts will please those to whom they are offered."

"My army has not been paid for over ten months and it is practically impossible to follow your suggestion. It has become the habit of celebrating birthdays in a very extravagant manner, and unless we alter the custom, it will grow worse and degenerate to the extreme. It ruins everyone both in money and time. You are a righteous man and I dare speak my feelings to you. Peking, our national capital, is carefully watched by Chinese and foreigners alike and we should practice economy and simplicity of manner, which is my aim and ideal, of which I am constantly thinking and praying day and night—Chung Mr."

A CHINESE MARRIAGE FRAUD.
CONSPIRACY TO PROCURE ENGAGEMENT MONEY.

The Peking Daily News (Chinese) says:—
There are certainly disadvantages in the old Chinese way of making marriages. One does not know how one's bride is going to turn out until she comes over in the sedan chair, and then it is too late to repudiate the marriage contract.

Mr. Lin Hsiao Feng, a young man of 23, living in West City, got himself engaged to a young lady of 20, daughter of a widow Mrs. Lin, through the machinations of a professional matchmaker, Lin, however, never saw his future wife, and being a simple-minded chap, took the matchmaker's words for granted that the bride was young and beautiful. May 4th was set as the wedding day. When the bride arrived, who should step out but an old ugly woman. She proved to be the widow, Mrs. Hu herself. Lin naturally objected to having a wife twice his age. He demanded that the whole affair be cancelled. To this the widow Mrs. Hu would not consent, she insisted on becoming Mrs. Lin. Thereupon, Lin talked in the police, and it was discovered that the professional matchmaker and the widow had frequently worked together to get engagement money from their victims.

VIEWS ON RUBBER RESTRICTION.**THE MENACE IN SUMATRA.**

At the third annual general meeting of The Prang Besat Estate, Ltd., Mr. H. Gough (in the chair) said:—
Gentlemen—Great are the blessings we enjoy under restriction, which we undoubtedly saved many companies and individuals from ruin, but how long will these blessings last? How long will we be able to control the market? In Sumatra there is an enormous increase of native produced rubber, quite apart from smuggled rubber which is put down to that account. Do you suppose the Netherlands Indies Government will really stop or even check this? I doubt it. Does this rapidly increasing native production worry the big American and Dutch companies over there? It does not. Well then, why this strange complacency on their part, especially as the chance of the Dutch joining our or any other restriction scheme, may be considered as doubtful in the extreme? I do not intend to commit myself to the answer, but I can tell you that the conditions and taxes imposed on the Dutch Rubber Planting Companies are no longer as unfavourable as they used to be. The Government policy has changed and companies no longer need refrain from making accessible, and opening up the large tracts of available good jungle land in Sumatra. I am told, and I believe it, that this work has already begun. Also I can tell you that within a very few years there will be enough guaranteed high-yielding material in Sumatra (days is behind Sumatra in these matters) to plant as much as they may require to augment their present less productive lands, to knock out the native rubber and, unless we put our house in order in Malaya, to knock out Malayan Rubber in addition. Of course, this will take some years and I do not think shareholders in Malayan Companies need be alarmed provided their Directors are, as shortly become, alive to the danger of the situation. There are already signs of an awakening, but unfortunately, one or two very leading men in the rubber world having made only cursory visits and shallow investigations into a subject which requires deep study, have to some extent concluded that there is no immediate cause for worry.

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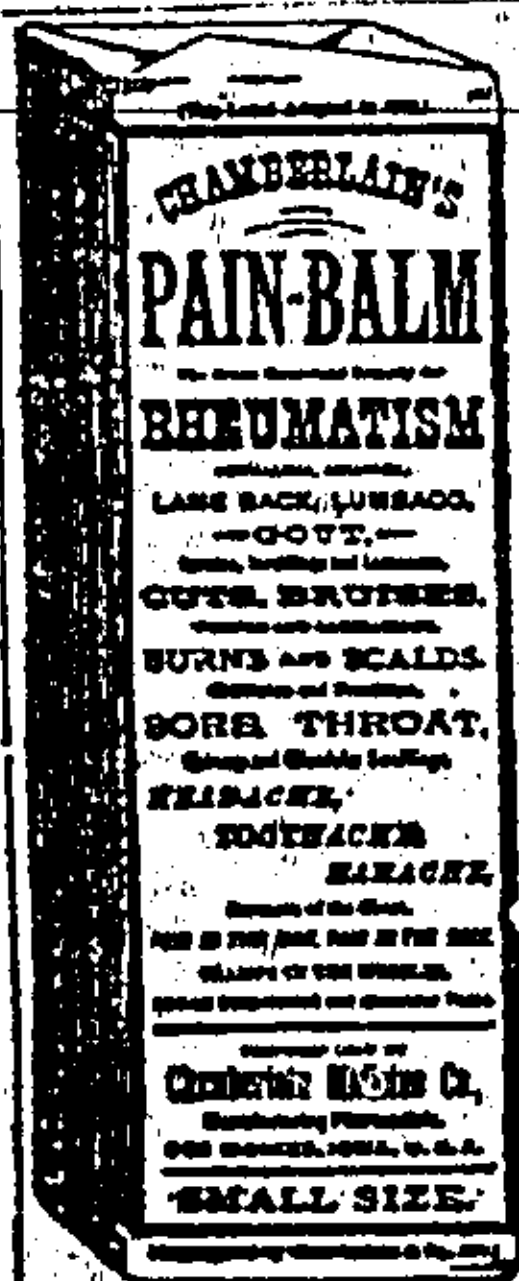
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SINGLE WOMEN.

NEWS OF THE MODERN "OLD
MAID."

The conference on Christian Politics,
Economics, and Citizenship at Birmingham
discussed birth control and passed a
resolution urging the Churches to investi-
gate the matter with the intention of offer-
ing definite guidance to perplexed con-
science.

The Rev. Studdert-Kennedy said the real
question was to control birth-control.
The present conduct of the business was
a damnable scandal and was playing
the very devil with the nation.

The subject arose on a report of a
commission on "The Relations of the
Sexes" presented to the conference.

On the question of unmarried women,
the report said:
It is quite intolerable that they should
be left to such a manner of life as spin-
sters in the past have faced.

Social contact with men might not
satisfy all women's instincts, but it
would at least save her from "old maid-
dom" and from the emptiness of a lonely
and narrow career. What some women
really need is mental and social contact
with the other sex.

They want to be stimulated, provoked,
contradicted, annoyed, and refreshed by
contact with male personalities.

Other points in the report were:

A wife may be all that an ideal wife
should be, but if her husband meets no
other women he will miss the very stimu-
lations, and contradictions which might
make him a bigger, humbler, and more
interesting person to live with.

British social life is still such that many
a man finds it impossible to get to know
any one woman well without so behaving
that he is suspected of "having intentions."

If Westminster in the future is going
to be like Westminster in the past, with
the sole difference that some of the mem-
bers will wear skirts, then one great door
of hope is slammed in our faces, and we
shall wonder why women ever decided to
subject themselves to the slavery of that
laborious institution.

A STRANGE EXPERIENCE.

YOUNG LADY POSSESSED BY THE
DEVIL.

A young lady newly arrived in the
island had a rather startling experience
in Kandy, says the *Times of Ceylon*. She
was going out to tennis and had got into
the ricksha which was to take her to the
courts. The ricksha had not gone a
couple of a hundred yards before the
young lady had it stopped and put the
hood up. After the coolie had got going
again, she noticed a large lizard on one
of the ribs of the canopy and tried to
knock it off with her racket. Instead
of dropping out on to the road, how-
ever, the lizard jumped on to her shoulder,
and running up her neck burrowed
deep into her hair. The terrified girl,
without waiting for the ricksha to stop
properly, jumped out clanking at her hair
and fell heavily. Getting on to her feet
again she ran up the road, turned in at
her husband's gate and fled shrieking up
the drive into the butting. Here she
caught her foot in a door mat and fell
again at the feet of her startled hostess.

She was too hysterical to say what had
happened, and the lady of the house was
rushing to the telephone to summon the
doctor when the ricksha coolie, who knew
nothing of the lizard incident, ran in with
blank consternation on his face, shouting
that the lady had suddenly been struck by
a pipistrelle and the only treatment
for the malady was to hit her. Ailinga!
Ailinga, Ailinga! (Beat her! Beat her,
Lady!), he kept exclaiming.

HOMEY, LONDON.

WHERE ONE CANNOT LONG BE
LONELY.

"I have seen somewhere that no one
can really love London until he is badly
in need of comfort," says Mr. Hugh Wal-
pole, the eminent novelist, in the *American
Bookman*. "That is, I think, true.
It is like all great towns, a bad place in
which to be lonely, but you cannot I think
be lonely there very long. What you have
to do is to make your own town of it.
Pick your tent, gather your harbor, your
bookshop, your flower shop, your place
of entertainment, your restaurant, your
favourite view, your group of trees, your
glimpse of water, your bridge, your
church, close in around you and make
them your own. They respond at once,
flattered and touched by your selection of
them."

"They are your friends for life. If,
as later you will, you make another selec-
tion, your old friends will still be there
waiting for your return. So that in the
end you will have five or six homes."

Piccadilly on a summer evening, the
Strand and the Temple and Gray's Inn
on a spring afternoon, Chelsea any time
at all, Regent's Park (most beloved of all
to me with its lakes and dirty sheep and
crowds of children and policemen playing
football) and sudden unexpected carpets
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sand other delights—win your heart with
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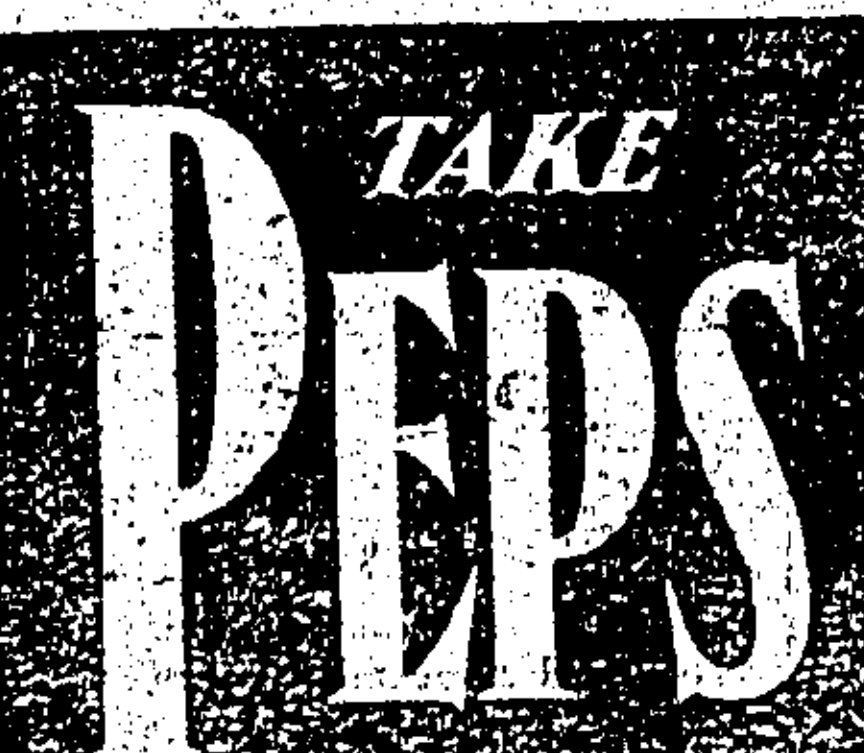
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The "seven-a-side" tournament carried out by the Edinburgh Rugby clubs was in every respect a success. Victory fell to Watsonians, the runners-up being Heriot's (F.P.). The standard of play varied considerably, but generally it was quite good, especially during the first half of a tie. When the pace began to tell there was a marked falling away. Perhaps the best tie was that between Stewart's and Heriot's in the semi-final. The energy Heriot's had to expend in this game certainly prejudiced their chances in the final, although it should be said for their opponents, Watsonians, that they had played one tie more. Heriot's having secured a bye in the first round. The most disappointing seven were Glasgow Academicals. They never showed the slightest knowledge of the seven-a-side game. Their backs got no chance of showing what they could do, and a thoroughly beaten team they were. Glasgow High School F.P.'s almost turned the tables on Stewart's. They were no fewer than 11 points in arrears at half-time, and yet they came within 2 points of victory.

In the Border tournament, Hawick won, Jedforest being the runners-up. At Dundee, Kirkcaldy A defeated Dundee High School F.P.'s and won Scottish League.

Rangers defeated Hibernian by the odd goal in three after a fine stand by the Edinburgh team. The victory gave Rangers the League Championship for the season, as with three games still to play the club's points (50) cannot be equalled by any competitor. Rangers, in winning the championship for the second successive year, are due unstinted praise for their consistency and power, and as they have won the championship 13 times in all, their position and influence in League football have been manifest. In the present campaign, they were only once beaten at home, and three times in all, in the 35 games in which they have engaged. The champions' best run was from August till the end of December, during which time they played 20 games without defeat and with the loss of a total of only six goals. But their whole record in these days of intensified competition is noteworthy, and such as fully entitles them to their well-won honour.

The only other matter of interest last week was the struggle to clear the relegation area. Clyde were beaten at Dundee, and descended to second position from the foot of the table, and as their two remaining games are against the Champions and Heart of Midlothian there is little more than a forlorn hope of the Shawfield club escaping relegation. Clydebank, beaten at home by Motherwell, are in even worse plight, as relatively they are two points worse off than Clyde, and only an unlooked for upheaval can now prevent them returning to the Second Division. Queen's Park alone made decided progress, defeating a depleted Aberdeen side and securing two invaluable points. For the present Queen's Park have raised themselves above both Clyde and Third Lanark, the latter by losing at Hamilton having again placed themselves in a perilous position. The whole situation remains uncertain, with, however, the chances favouring the outlook of the popular amateur club.

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Capt. Amundsen, the explorer, interviewed in Rome, with regard to his plans for his projected flight across the North Pole this summer, expressed the belief that in five years' time there will be regular voyages to the North Pole.

Capt. Amundsen stated that he was leaving the Karina di Pisa with two Italian aeroplanes, and that he was flying them by way of Zurich, Tegel, Bergen, and Tromsø to Spitzbergen, for the flight to the Pole.

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MANILA via AMOY	"SUHSANG"	Saturday	24th May, 11 a.m.
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HAIPHONG via HOHLOW	"LEESANG"	Sunday	25th May, 10 a.m.
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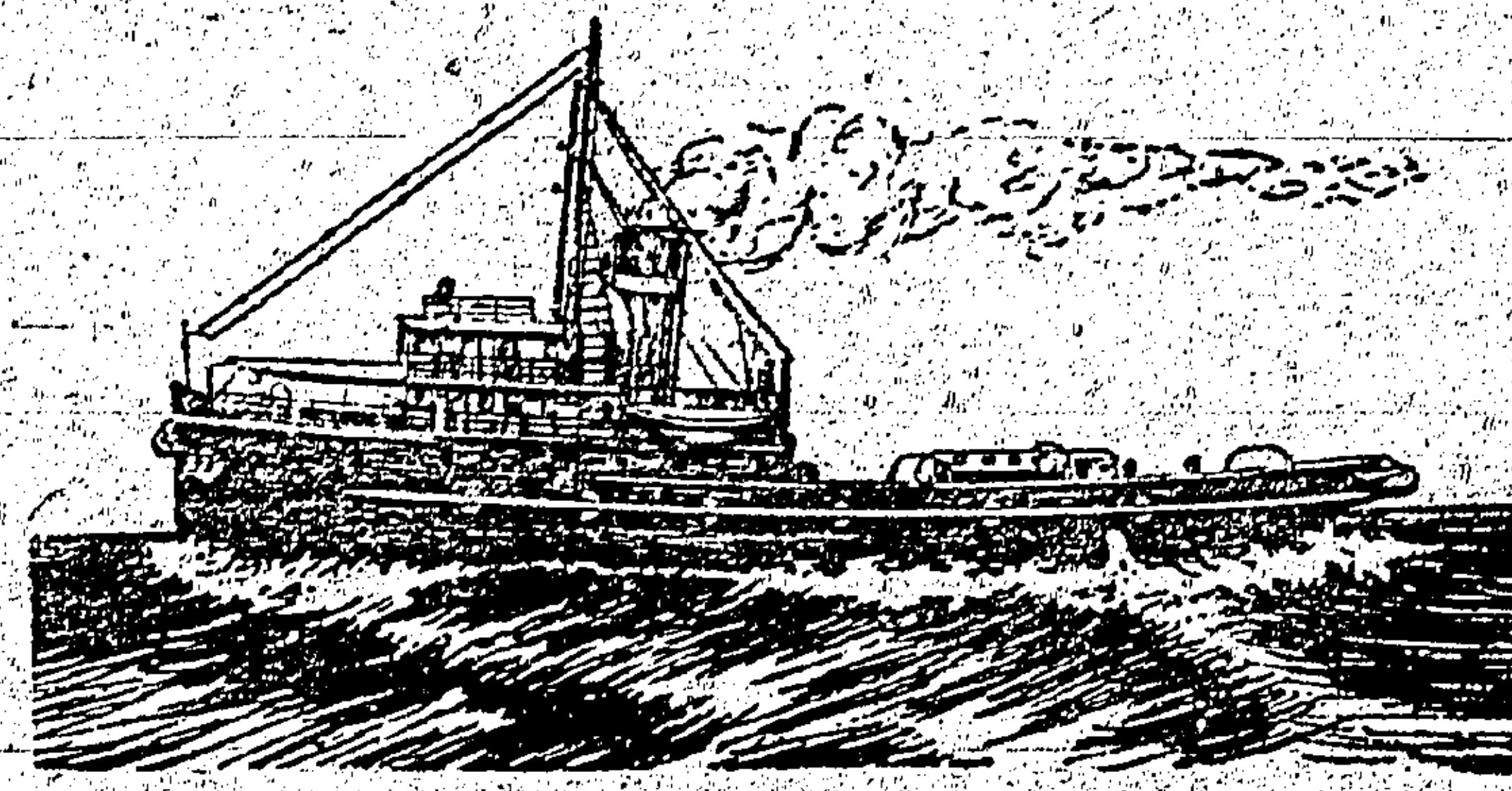
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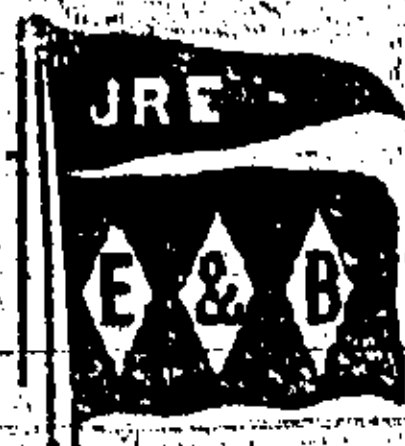
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AMOY & SHANGHAI	"YINGCHOW"	On 20th May, 3 p.m.
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SHANGHAI	"OHINKANG"	On 21st May, Noon
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"CHINGCHOW"	On 21st May, 3 p.m.
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SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"CHUNGKING"	On 21st May, 3 p.m.
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KWEIYANG"	On 23rd May, 3 p.m.
HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"YUNNAN"	On 27th May, 10 a.m.
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